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Teruo MARUYAMA et al. : Docket No. 2004_0220A

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METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DISCHARGING FLUID

“SECOND” PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Further to the Preliminary Amendment filed July, 7, 2004, kindly amend the application as follows: